

HOLIDAY BREAKFAST PHOTOS



Good work to all Holiday Breakfast buddies and organizers on a job well done! The event was a hit as usual!

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EN FRANCAIS, S'IL VOUS PLAÎT!

Entretien avec un directeur

Evynn Maslow

Le 27th novembre, j'ai interviewé M. Brown. J'ai appris beaucoup de choses sur M. Brown et être en 9e année c'est vraiment bon de connaître notre directeur. M. Brown est un éducateur depuis plus que 35 à 40 ans. Cela fait longtemps ! Et il a seulement plus de 45 ans!

Lorsque M. Brown était un étudiant à l'école, il était normal . Il revait beaucoup, mais en biologie l'enseignant avait son attention.

Son genre de musique préféré est rock alternatif. Simon et Garfunkle est son groupe préféré. Ils sont un groupe de deux hommes qui sont nés dans les années 40.

M. Brown est un voyageur . Il a été partout dans le monde! Il a été dans toute l'Europe et en Asie ! Quand j'ai demandé si un endroit avait coupé son souffle, il dit que le Japon et l'Egypte étaient tout simplement fascinants!

Temps fait plaisir!

- La couleur préférée de M. Brown est bleu.
- Il a l'habitude d'avoir une barbe.
- Il a des petits-enfants.
- Il ne joue pas d'instruments.
- Il joue un peu au football, au hockey, et il fait des randonnées.
- Il se fait couper les cheveux à un salon de coiffure.
- Il a l'habitude d'avoir un chien , et il est légèrement allergique aux chats.
- À l'école, il était timide.
- Il ne tient pas aux boybands.
- Son «devise» est «Juste fais-le!» (mais pas vraiment)



FASHION BLOGS

You may know Joellen Lu from her blog joellenlove.blogspot.com, or maybe from a site that she has been featured on such as teenvogue.com.



If you haven't taken a look at her blog yet you definitely should. On the blog you can find plenty of nice, good quality outfit photos. What I like about the amount of outfit posts on the site is that they provide the



blog with so much inspiration. The reader can scroll through the "outfits" section of the blog and find lots of ideas to incorporate into any look. Another thing I like about Joellen Lu is that she also posts personal pictures from her daily life and

photos of what she was up to the day she wore a specific outfit. I like this because it adds a bit of a personal element to the blog, and it gives the reader an idea of what sort of time and place that specific outfit was put together for.

Of the fashion bloggers that I follow, Joellen definitely has to be one of my favourites. I absolutely love her personal style. She always pulls off looking effortlessly stylish, but yet still completely comfortable in what she's wearing. I am also completely envious of her perfect wardrobe. Joellen likes to wear lots of very eye catching



vintage pieces which makes her outfits look so cute all of the time. If you're into vintage too, then you can check out her online store shoptarte.com where she sells all sorts of vintage pieces such as sweaters, bodysuits, shorts, sunglasses, shoes, and more!

By Jessica Vong

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MOVIES

Over a year ago, Peter Jackson made his return to middle earth with *Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey*. The film is the first part of a trilogy of films based on the prequel book to *The Lord of the Rings*, *The Hobbit*. Tolkien/Jackson fans from across the globe highly anticipated the return to the world of Elves, Dwarfs, Wizards, Orcs, and of course, Hobbits. But when *An Unexpected Journey* was released, the reception was lukewarm at best. Common complaints were that the film was too long and dragged at certain parts. Now, the second entry to the Hobbit trilogy *The Desolation of Smaug* has just been released. Does the second entry fix the issues of the first film? Or does it continue to disappoint?

I am happy to report that *Desolation* is an incredibly entertaining flick that surpasses its predecessor in many ways thanks to its great performances and action. *Desolation* continues to follow Bilbo Baggins, a hobbit who travels with twelve dwarfs and Gandalf the Grey to liberate the lonely mountain from the terrifying dragon known as

Smaug. Along the way, the group runs into spiders, wood elves, and the human residents of Esgaroth, a town by the lonely mountain. At the same time, a great dark force is rising in Middle Earth.

One thing that is instantly noticeable about *Desolation* compared to its predecessor is that it is much more action packed. Unlike the first movie, *Desolation's* plot actually feels like it is moving on as there are fewer dragged out moments than the first.

Another bright spot of the movie is once again its acting. Martin Freeman continues to be brilliant as Bilbo, and Benedict Cumberbatch as the dragon was incredible. Cumberbatch displayed his huge and intimidating voice in May last year in *Star Trek: Into Darkness*, pretty much giving a preview of his ability. The moment Smaug speaks immediately makes an impact and his performance is certainly one of the best things about the film.

Another highlight of the movie is the special effects and design.

Costumes don't look like costumes and you genuinely believe that this is what characters looked like in the novel. Special effects are also magnificent, as Smaug looks amazing.

But the film still has some issues. Like the first entry in the trilogy, you can feel the film's length at times, even though the film is quite entertaining. And there were some problems with writing as well. Without spoiling anything, there was this weird love triangle between a dwarf and two elves. This whole subplot simply felt like filler and not all that significant.

Overall, *The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug* is a much better film than last year's Hobbit movie. Its relentless action and acting is extremely entertaining, and it makes you look forward even more to the third and final entry.

By Kenji Dyck